

IN HONOR OF EDUARDO SOSA
SILVA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who dedicated his life to serving our nation during Operation Enduring Freedom. Eduardo Silva of Greenfield, California served our country as Specialist in the United States Army and was a devoted husband and a proud son. Specialist Silva died in Iraq earlier this month.

Eduardo enlisted in the Army in August 2006 and was deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in July 2008 where he was a food service specialist. He was assigned to the 563rd Aviation Support Battalion, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Eduardo's life inspired the lives of others. He was a proud resident of Greenfield where he graduated as Valedictorian from Vista Verde Middle School and excelled at Greenfield High School. At an early age, he learned to appreciate the arts as a student of music. As a result, for his actions both at home and abroad, there is no measure of devotion we as a community can dedicate to Eduardo. This soldier, husband, and son shall be remembered for his caring, altruistic life.

Held closest to Eduardo's heart is the love and support of his wife and partner, Rosalinda, and his family. The memories the family has shared of Eduardo depict an honorable, caring, selfless man who gave without hesitation. It is evident the Silva family is proud of the example Eduardo left on his community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude for Specialist Eduardo Silva's service to the United States of America and for his many accomplishments as a husband and son.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, on June 19, 2009, I was unavoidably unable to cast my vote for rollcall 418. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

**CELEBRATING THE UNITED
STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY**

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, 70 years ago today, in this very room, Congress passed legislation creating what is now known as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. With volunteer members spread across the 50 states, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has played an important role in sup-

porting the mission of the United States Coast Guard and promoting safe practices within the American boating community.

From its inception, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been a leader in boating safety and instruction. In addition to educational programs, the Auxiliary regularly holds boating safety classes and performs vessel safety checks. Since September 11, the Auxiliary has also been very involved in securing our ports from foreign threats.

Every day, the Coast Guard Auxiliary saves one life, assists 28 people, and participates in more than 100 Coast Guard missions. This is in addition to the countless lives saved by their proactive efforts to prevent boating accidents and thwart terrorist attacks.

My district, the Fifth District of New Jersey, is part of one of the largest Coast Guard Auxiliary regions—Division 10, First Southern Region. This division has been awarded the "Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation" for being the most active Auxiliary Division in the nation. In 2008, Division 10 was responsible for 81,000 volunteer hours, 1,379 air and surface missions, 313 search and rescue missions, and more than 2,500 hours of educational programs. The several flotillas that make up this division comprise 360 members from all walks of life, all of whom should be proud of their exceptional service.

On this 70th anniversary, I commend the 34,000 men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on their service, and recognize the important role they play in securing our coastline and promoting responsible boating conduct.

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HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2647—The National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2010

FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act Projects

Project Name: Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV)

Account: APN, Line 58

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: JLG Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 JLG Drive, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$3,400,000 for Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV)

It is my understanding that funding will be used by the United States Navy to procure additional EIRVs to meet current operational requirements.

The purpose of the Engine Installation & Removal Vehicle (EIRV) program is to satisfy the operational need of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps by providing a commercial off the shelf (COTS), mobile, Engine/Propeller Installation and Removal System, with the capability of safely installing and removing the T56 engine and/or T56 propeller on and from P-3, C-2, E-2 and C-130 aircraft.

Installation and removal of the T56 engine and propeller onto the respective aircraft requires relatively fine lateral and horizontal adjustments in order to be executed properly. To accomplish this, the Navy is requiring a commercially available, mobile, Engine/Propeller Installation and Removal System for procurement.

The Navy is currently removing and replacing aircraft engines with an unsafe combination of manual tri-pod hoists, scaffolding, and industrial forklifts. The EIRV was chosen to reduce damage to equipment, injuries to workers and increase efficiencies.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because procurement of the system will decrease damage to the engine/prop and the airframe, thereby decreasing downtime and increasing operational readiness.

Project Name: Millennium Military Vehicle/Extendable Boom Fork Lift (MMV/EBFL)

Account: PMC, Line 50

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: JLG Industries

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 JLG Drive, McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$30,000,000 for Millennium Military Vehicle/Extendable Boom Fork Lift (MMV/EBFL)

It is my understanding that funding will be used by the United States Marine Corps to procure additional MMV units to meet current operational requirements.

The Marine Corps has a requirement for an additional Millennium Military Vehicles/Expandable Boom Fork Lift (MMV/EBFL). The Marine Corps does not plan to update its current telehandler fleet until 2011, thus producing an unfunded requirement for the Marine Corps. The MMV program is a four year procurement effort by the U.S. Marine Corps to procure reconfigured MMV's to fulfill their advanced lifting requirements in handling material containers in rapid deployment construction and reconstruction. The MMV is an 11,000 pound rough terrain, self-deployable in rough terrain, manually operated forklift capable of operating efficiently in nuclear, biological and chemical environments. The MMV is capable of unloading containers located on the ground as well as on trailers. It is fully air transportable in C-130, C-17 and C-5A aircraft, fordable, and operable in all weather and night conditions.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Marine Corps requires funding to procure additional MMV units to meet current operational requirements.

Project Name: Hardmetal Epidemiology Investigation

Account: RDA, PE # 0602105A, Line 5

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biostatistics

Address of Requesting Entity: A410 Crabtree Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15650

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$7,000,000 for Hardmetal Epidemiology Investigation

It is my understanding that funding for this project will provide for an epidemiological study to determine the potential health impacts from workplace exposures to hardmetal powders. "Hardmetal" refers to metal composites, notably tungsten carbide with a cobalt binder, known for their durability and wear resistance. In 2003-2004, three governmental and scientific bodies designated hardmetal (i.e. tungsten carbide/cobalt) as a possible carcinogen